

# STATE OF WISCONSIN Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of

DECISION

SSP/149172

## PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed May 02, 2013, under Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5), and Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.03, to review a decision by the Division of Health Care Access And Accountability in regard to State Supplemental SSI benefits, a hearing was held on June 18, 2013, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The issue for determination is whether the agency properly terminated the Petitioner's state SSI benefits.

There appeared at that time and place the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:



Respondent:

Department of Health Services 1 West Wilson Street Madison, Wisconsin 53703 By: Melissa Sherry

Division of Health Care Access And Accountability

Madison, WI

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Debra Bursinger Division of Hearings and Appeals

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Petitioner is a resident of Milwaukee County.
- 2. Petitioner's federal SSI benefits ended on June 30, 2013
- 3. On April 24, 2013, the agency issued a Notice to the Petitioner informing him that his state SSI would end on June 30, 2013. It further informed him that his MA benefits will continue through July 31, 2013 and that it might extend beyond that date.

4. On May 2, 2013, the Petitioner filed an appeal with the Division of Hearings and Appeals.

## **DISCUSSION**

A person can only receive SSI State Supplement benefits if he also receives federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cash benefits in a given month. See, Wis. Stat. § 49.77(2)(a)2. See also, 20 C.F.R. § 416.2025(b)(4).

The petitioner was determined by the Social Security Administration to be in a federal SSI non-payment/non-eligible status, i.e., "NO1" which means that he was ineligible due to income in excess of federal SSI program limits. The federal agency informed the Department, and the Department acted to discontinue the petitioner's SSI State Supplement.

The Petitioner testified that he believes he is eligible for MA and that this should also mean he is eligible for SSI. He stated that he is still waiting to hear if his MA benefits will be extended.

The Department's action was correct under the facts, and the discontinuance must be sustained. If the petitioner again begins to receive the federal SSI cash benefit, the Department will again be informed and his SSI State Supplement would only then be restored. At present, he is ineligible.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

That the Department correctly discontinued the petitioner's SSI State Supplement because he no longer is receiving federal SSI cash benefits.

#### THEREFORE, it is

#### **ORDERED**

That the petition be, and hereby is, dismissed.

## REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

This is a final administrative decision. If you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law, you may request a rehearing. You may also ask for a rehearing if you have found new evidence which would change the decision. Your request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and tell why you did not have it at your first hearing. If you do not explain these things, your request will have to be denied.

To ask for a rehearing, send a written request to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, P.O. Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875. Send a copy of your request to the other people named in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your request for a rehearing must be received no later than 20 days after the date of the decision. Late requests cannot be granted.

The process for asking for a rehearing is in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes can be found at your local library or courthouse.

#### APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be served and filed with the appropriate court no more than 30 days after the date of this hearing decision (or 30 days after a denial of rehearing, if you ask for one).

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For purposes of appeal to circuit court, the Respondent in this matter is the Department of Health Services. After filing the appeal with the appropriate court, it must be served on the Secretary of that Department, either personally or by certified mail. The address of the Department is: 1 West Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. A copy should also be sent to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400.

The appeal must also be served on the other "PARTIES IN INTEREST" named in this decision. The process for appeals to the Circuit Court is in Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53.

Given under my hand at the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 12th day of July, 2013

\sDebra Bursinger Administrative Law Judge Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on July 12, 2013.

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